

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-8 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 5, which are independent, are hereby amended. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) REJECTIONS

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,550,754 to McNelley, et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,802,467 to Salazar, et al.

Independent claim 1, as amended, recites, *inter alia*:

“...a sensor for sensing an attached condition between said transmission section and said reception section,

wherein the sensed condition is determined by a location of an applied voltage; and

a switch for selectively switching, in accordance with the sensed condition of attachment between the transmission section and the reception section..." (emphasis added)

As understood by Applicant, U.S. Patent No. 5,550,754 to McNelley et al. (hereinafter, merely "McNelley") relates to combination portable recording video camera and video-conferencing terminal that can either show an operator's surrounding environment or the operator for teleconferencing purposes.

As understood by Applicant, U.S. Patent No. 5,802,467 to Salazar, et al. (hereinafter, merely "Salazar") relates to concurrently performing generalized two way wireless communications. A microprocessor receives signals from a touch screen and generates a digital data command/control signal for transmission to external devices .

As stated in Applicant's previous response, Applicant submits that nothing has been found in McNelley or Salazar, taken alone or in combination, that would teach or suggest the above-identified features of claim 1. Specifically, McNelley and Salazar fail to teach or suggest a sensor for sensing an attached condition between said transmission section and said reception section, wherein the sensed condition is determined by a location of an applied voltage, and a switch for selectively switching, in accordance with the sensed condition of attachment between the transmission section and the reception section, as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentable.

For reasons similar to those described above with regard to independent claim 1, independent claim 5, which recites similar features, is also believed to be allowable.

III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.


CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited reference it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

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